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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the cited specification paragraphs as follows:

[6] The driveshaft assembly of the present invention includes a common male component and a female component in engagement with the male component. The female component includes a yoke, a configurable segment, a positive stop member, a receptacle member, and a seal. There are plural, optional The configurable segments each having has a predetermined length that corresponds to a particular total vehicle driveshaft length. The present invention therefore provides for common driveshaft components among vehicles having different driveshaft assembly lengths by utilizing a different length configurable segment in each assembly.

[18] The configurable segment 36 has a beveled end portion 66 which engages female yoke beveled edge 68 and a second beveled edge 67 which engages a receptacle member 62 at stop 70.

[19] Receptacle member 62 includes the a-welch plug 40 and a cylindrical member 72 which contains the internal splines 56B. The internal splines 56B provide sliding engagement with splined segment 56A (Figure 3) of the male component 32. The female component 34 24 provides a grease aperture 138 70 to receive the grease fitting 38. A seal 42 (Figures 2 and 5) 77 prevents debris and the like from entering into the female component 34 as the male component 32 slides relative thereto.

Please add a new paragraph between paragraphs [19] and [20] as follows:

--The beveled edge 56 on the reconfigurable portion 36 abuts a corresponding outer surface 68 on the yoke 60. Similarly, the beveled edge 67 abuts a stop 70 on the receptacle portion 62.

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Further, as can be appreciated from Figures 2 and 5, the seal 42 seals against an outer peripheral surface of the stem portion 54 of the mail component 32. As can be appreciated from Figures 2 and 5, the seal also abuts the yoke 100 at the end of the mail component 32.--

[20] Referring to Figure 5, the driveshaft assembly 80 has a length  $L_4$  that is longer than the driveshaft assembly 24 length  $L_1$  (Figure 2). Driveshaft assembly 80 includes a configurable segment 78 having a length  $L_3$ . Driveshaft assembly 24 has a configurable segment 36 having a shorter length  $L_2$ . Except for the configurable segment, the driveshaft assembly 80 utilizes the same components as the driveshaft assembly 24. The overall desired driveshaft length is therefore readily configurable with a minimum number of components. One thus selects any one of several optional length configurable segments to result in a total driveshaft length as desired.